

REMARKS

Election

The Examiner has required restriction between the following disclosed species:

| <u>Figure</u> | <u>Species:</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1-3 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 |
| 5 | 3 |
| 6 | 4 |
| 7 | 5 |
| 8 | 6 |
| 9 | 7 |
| 10 | 8 |

Applicants elect the species of figures 1-3 which are embodied in current Claims 18, 19, 21 and 24.

Amendment

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the aforementioned amendments for consideration. With this amendment, claims 18 and 19 and 21 -45 are pending in the application with claims 18, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 37, 40 and 43 being independent. Claims 21 - 45 are new. Claim 18 is amended. Support for claims 21 - 45 are found in the specification pages 2-12, Figures 1-19 and original claims 1-17 as filed.

No new mater has been added.

The claims currently presented are proper and definite.

Applicant identifies two additional species, 9 and 10, corresponding to Figures 19

and 16 respectively.

Specie 2 corresponds to claims 22, 23, 25 and 46.

Specie 3 corresponds to claim 26

Specie 4 corresponds to claim 27

Specie 5 corresponds to claim 28

Specie 6 corresponds to claims 29, 30, 31 and 36

Specie 7 corresponds to claims 32, 33, 34 and 35

Specie 8 corresponds to claims 37, 38 and 39

Specie 9 corresponds to claims 39, 40 and 41

Specie 10 corresponds to claims 43, 44 and 45

Accordingly, allowance of the elected specie is in order and is respectfully requested. However, should the Examiner deem further clarification of the record is in order, we invite a telephone call to the Applicants' undersigned attorney to expedite further processing of the application to allowance.

Drawings

Fig. 11 as originally filed does not accurately reflect the written description of Fig. 11 as found in specification. A replacement Fig. 11 is submitted herewith. The written description of Fig. 11 is found at the bottom of page 8 in the specification as filed and is quoted below:

“In the case of the embodiment shown in Fig. 11, a plurality of recesses 39 are formed either totally or locally in the contact end of a pin 3.”

The original Fig. 11 incorrectly depicted a non-contact end of the pin and incorrectly illustrated a plurality of recesses 39 on the non-contact end. A contact end would have a rectangular profile as illustrated in Figs. 8, 9 and 10. In addition, the horizontal axis of a

contact end is B-B as illustrated in Figs. 8, 9 and 10 and not A-A as depicted in old Fig.

11. Replacement Fig. 11 corrects a drawing error, does not include new matter and is fully supported by the written description. Entry of replacement Fig. 11 is respectfully requested.

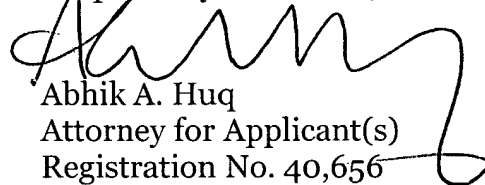


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